



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT


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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Donald H. Blevins  
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SUBJECT: DEATH OF A MINOR

This is to advise your Board of the death of 16-year-old juvenile probationer, Melvin C. on July 7, 2011. The following is the Probation record with sustained charges for Melvin C.:

- Age 15 – 11351 Health and Safety Code (Possess/Purchase Cocaine Base for Sale) – Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) probation granted 4/29/10; DEJ revoked and Camp Community Placement ordered 8/19/10; Returned Home on Probation (HOP) 3/10/11.
- Age 16 – 422 and 186.2 Penal Code (Terrorist Threats with gang enhancement) – Camp Community Placement ordered 8/19/10; Returned HOP on 3/10/11.

Probation received notification regarding the death of Melvin C. from the Coroner's Office on July 11, 2011. The circumstances of his death are under investigation; the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the torso. Melvin C. was dropped off at a fire station by unnamed individuals. Upon his arrival at the California Hospital Medical Center, he was unresponsive and death was pronounced a short time later (10:45 pm).

This matter is under review. Should there be any significant findings, we will inform your Board.

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c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court  
William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer  
Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
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